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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ZAMBIA: MEETINGS WITH RHODESIAN
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1. WE HAVE MET THREE TIMES WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA EVENING OF APR 16. AT BRIEF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND STAFFDEL HUNTER/BATES MORNING APR 17, BISHOP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION SECY'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH HIM IN LUSAKA APR 26/27 BUT REGRETTE HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN LUSAKA ON THOSE DATES. WHEN PRESSED, MUZOREWA RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED HE HAS APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED IN NORTH AFRICA AT THAT TIME. UPON FURTHER QUESTIONING THERE STRONG HINT MUZOREWA GOING TO LIBYA FOR MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM QADDAFI FOR LIBERATION STRUGGLE. SAID THIS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED MORE THAN ONCE AND HE SIMPLY UNABLE TO CANCEL IT.

2. AMBASSADOR HAD SECOND MEETING WITH MUZOREWA AFTERNOON OF APR 17 WHEN BISHOP CAME TO RESIDENCE TO SEE SENATOR PERCY AND AGAIN PRESSED HIM ON MEETING WITH SECY IN LUSAKA. BISHOP FIRMLY SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. SAID HE COULD MEET WITH SECY IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME DURING HIS PROJECTED PRIVATE VISIT TO US IN MAY (LUSAKA 739 AND 745).

3. SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIED SHOCKING AND MISLEADING HEADLINE "MUZOREWA PLANS KISSINGER SNUB" FOLLOWED BY STORY ON
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MUZOREWA'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT EVENING APR 16: "AS FAR AS I

AM CONCERNED I HAVE NO PLANS OF MEETING DR. KISSINGER. TO BE HONEST, I HAVE NO NEED TO MEET HIM". DCM CALLED ON BISHOP AT HIS VILLA AT BREAKFAST EASTER SUNDAY MORNING TO INQUIRE ABOUT ACCURACY OF TIMES INTERPRETIVE HEADLINE CONFLICTING AS IT DID WITH WHAT BISHOP HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR DAY BEFORE. MUZOREWA CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF REMARKS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, NOTING THEY MADE PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AT WHICH SECY'S INVITATION TO MEET HAD BEEN DELIVERED. HE TOO DISTRESSED BY MISLEADING AND UNFORTUNATE TIMES INTERPRETATION. DCM PRESSED AGAIN FOR AGREEMENT BY BISHOP TO MEETING WITH SECY IN LUSAKA APR 26 OR 27, ARGUING THAT IT IMPORTANT FOR ZAMBABWE LIBERATION CAUSE THAT SECY BE SEEN TO MEET BOTH LEADERS NOT JUST ONE. NOTED ALSO IMPORTANCE OF WORLD-WIDE PRESS ATTENTION THAT WOULD BE GIVEN TO MEETING IN LUSAKA AS COMPARED WITH LIMITED DEGREE OF ATTENTION PRESS LIKELY PAY TO LATER MEETING IN WASHINGTON. BISHOP CONSIDERED THESE ARGUMENTS BUT PROMPTLY REJECTED THEM, INSISTING AGAIN THAT HIS APPOINTMENT ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR APR 26/27 COULD NOT BE BROKEN.

4. WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING ASKING MUZOREWA IF HE WOULD CARE TO DESIGNATE A DEPUTY (NDABANINGI SITHOLE?) TO ACT FOR HIM IN MEETING WITH SECY BUT BEFORE DOING SO WOULD LIKE DEPT'S COMMENTS ON THIS ALTERNATIVE.

5. AS FOR JOSHUA NKOMO, WE HAVE TRIED FOUR OR FIVE TIMES, SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO CONTACT HIM BY PHONE AT HIS HOME IN BULAWAYO BUT BECAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY HE IS AT RELATIVES' HOUSE ONE MILE AWAY. WE HAVE TELCON APPOINTMENT AT 0900 APR 19.

6. WITH REFERENCE TO SINDAY TIMES STORY MENTIONED PARA 3, WE HAVE GOTTEN TO ALL WIRE SERVICES IN LUSAKA WHO HAVE AGREED NOT RPT NOT TO REPORT STORY UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY CHECK ITS ACCURACY WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA. BECAUSE OF DEADLINE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, BBC WILL PROBABLY CARRY SUNDAY TIMES STORY TOGETHER WITH CLARIFICATION ATTRIBUTED TO "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" (US) THAT TIMES STORY IS NOT ACCURATE REFLECTION OF BISHOP'S REAL VIEWS; MOREOVER THAT STORY IS BASED ON MISINTERPRETATION OF STATEMENT MADE BY BISHOP AT TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA TWO DAYS BEFORE. LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING CONTACT MUZOREWA DIRECTLY FOR CLARIFICATION BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM THUS FAR. DCM
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IN HIS MEETING WITH MUZOREWA SUNDAY MORNING URGED BISHOP TO ISSUE CLARIFICATION WITH PRESS AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL LIKELY DO SO WHEN PRESS CAN GET IN TOUCH QQTH HIM. WE BELIEVE CLARIFICATION WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED, HOWEVER, TO STATEMENT THAT BISHOP WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SECY KISSINGER WHENEVER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND LOCATION CAN BE WORKED OUT.
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